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OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1938.

BY

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INTRODUCTION.

To the Chairman and Members of the Stocksbridge Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my 46th Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for this District.

The item of special interest in the report is the Death Rate, which is the lowest we have ever had.

Another item of interest was the institution in November, 1938, of an Ante Natal Clinic. This has already proved itself to be a boon to expectant mothers.

The scheme of A.R.P. has made considerable demands on the time of the Public Health officials.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. M. ROBERTSHAW.

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STOCKSBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1938.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area :—

Area (in acres) 4,631.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-1938, is 9,748.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1938) according to Rate books—2,645.

Rateable value=£46,475. A penny Rate=£193 12s. 11d.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births—	Legitimate	137	74	63	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population =14.1.
	Illegitimate	1	1	0	
Stillbirths ...	...	10	5	5	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births =67.
Deaths ...	...	76	56	20	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population =7.8.

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List) :—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births.
Puerperal Sepsis ...	1	... 6.8
Other puerperal causes	Nil	... Nil

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births... ...	65.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	65.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	12
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years) ...	Nil.

Population.—The natural increase—excess of Births over Deaths was 62.

The natural increase for the past ten years was as follows :—

1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
51	117	57	35	3	53	47	61	47	62

CENSUS RETURNS.

Year.	Population.	Increase
1881	4,660	
1891	5,677	1,017
1901	6,566	889
1911	7,090	524
1921	9,062	1,972
1931	9,253	191

The number of families or separate occupiers at a special investigation in 1936 was 2,463.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are :—Steel Making, including Smelting, and the manufacture of Sheet Steel, Wire, Stainless Steel, and Umbrella Ribs ; Coal Mining ; Silica Brick Making ; and Sanitary Pipe Making.

Birth-rates for the District.

1918 ...	21.2	1928	17.7
1919 ...	27.9	1929	16.7
1920 ...	28.5	1930	21.6
1921 ...	29.4	1931	16.6
1922 ...	25.4	1932	13.7
1923 ...	22.2	1933	12.1
1924 ...	24.4	1934	15.1
1925 ...	21.8	1935	14.9
1926 ...	17.6	1936	17.3
1927 ...	19.4	1937	16.4
	1938 ...	14.1	

The birth-rate for England and Wales for 1938 was 15.1,

Death-rates of District.

1918	...	15.4	1928	...	10.5
1919	...	11.1	1929	...	11.3
1920	...	11.8	1930	...	9.0
1921	...	10.7	1931	...	10.5
1922	...	9.8	1932	...	9.9
1923	...	10.1	1933	...	11.7
1924	...	9.9	1934	...	9.6
1925	...	9.6	1935	...	9.9
1926	...	9.9	1936	...	10.9
1927	...	11.2	1937	...	11.5

1938 ... 7.8

The death rate for England and Wales was 11.6.

Deaths.—Causes of Deaths, 1938.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Cancer	8	4	12
Diabetes	1	1	2
Cerebral Hæmorrhage ...	4	4	8
Heart disease	9	2	11
Aneurism	1	0	1
Other Circulatory diseases	1	2	3
Bronchitis	3	1	4
Pneumonia	4	3	7
Other Respiratory diseases	1	1	2
Other Digestive diseases ...	0	1	1
Nephritis	5	1	6
Puerperal Sepsis	0	1	1
Congenital debility, malformation, and premature birth	6	1	7
Senility	0	2	2
Suicide	1	1	2
Other Violence	3	0	3
Other defined diseases ...	1	0	1
Silicosis	1	0	1
Totals	50	26	76

Deaths—at various age periods.

	Under 1	2	5	15	25	45	65	75	over 75
1930 ...	12	3	1	0	5	8	25	20	10
1931 ...	7	3	2	5	3	12	33	15	19
1932 ...	6	1	0	3	3	6	28	27	20
1933 ...	13	4	2	0	7	10	42	18	15
1934 ...	6	3	0	4	6	10	24	24	14
1935 ...	11	0	0	4	2	13	19	26	19
1936 ...	7	5	1	3	5	14	23	22	23
1937 ...	7	2	0	2	7	13	36	20	23
1938 ...	9	0	0	0	3	9	25	21	9

Deaths—in the several areas of the District.

Area.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
Stocksbridge (Central) ...	13	21	17	5	11	21	11	9
Haywoods—(Old & New)	7	13	8	7	8	11	13	5
Deepcar	18	17	19	16	19	15	17	15
Hunshelf	6	2	4	0	4	5	4	3
Garden Village, Viola Bank, and Hawthorn Brook...	8	7	15	13	9	13	13	12
Common Piece & Bracken Moor	16	6	11	14	15	8	9	8
Bolsterstone and Ewden Valley	9	4	7	4	2	5	4	2
Institutions outside District	22	24	30	32	26	25	39	22
	99	94	111	91	94	103	110	76

Stocksbridge (Central) includes that portion of the District on and near Manchester Road, extending from the Wesley Chapel to Langsett Terrace.

Of the total number of deaths, 29% occurred in public institutions outside the district.

There was one death due to Childbirth.

Infant Mortality.—There were 9 deaths of children under 1 year.

Sex.	Age.	Cause of Death.
Male	... 2 weeks	... Prematurity
Male	... 3 days	... Intracranial hæmorrhage
Female	... 2 months	... Broncho pneumonia
Male	... 1 day	... Asphyxia pallida
Male	... 12 hours	... Prematurity } Triplets
Male	... 4 days	... Prematurity } Triplets
Male	... 4 days	... Prematurity } Triplets
Female	... 9 hours	... Prematurity
Female	... 2 months	... Broncho pneumonia

The Infant Mortality for England and Wales was 53.

The high Infant Mortality rate for the District was due to the fact that Male Triplets born in the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, died from Prematurity.

Infant Mortality Table.

	1929.	1930	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
District ...	37	59	44	46	114	41	74	42	45	65
England & Wales	74	69	66	65	64	59	57	59	58	53

Tuberculosis.—New Cases and Mortality during 1938.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
15	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
20	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
35	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
55	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over ..	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	7	4	3	4	1	1	0	0

Deaths from Tuberculous Diseases.—Deaths from these diseases numbered 2 ; 1 male and 1 female.

The Death Rate is 0.2 per 1,000.

Death Rates from Tuberculous Diseases.

1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
0.8	0.8	1.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.2

Death Rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
0.8	0.8	1.5	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.2

The decrease during the past few years in the number of notifications of Tuberculosis is due partly to the extreme care now being taken in diagnosis. Before the diagnosis is made absolute the case is seen by at least 3 medical men.

Notification of Tuberculosis.

	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
Pulmonary	30	17	10	11	13	6	12	11
Other forms	13	10	6	2	2	6	3	7
Totals	43	27	16	13	15	12	15	18

Silicosis. There was one death from this disease; the age at death being 64 years.

Deaths from Silicosis.

1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
1	4	1	2	3	0	1	2	1

Deaths from Respiratory Diseases.—There were 14 deaths from these diseases, of which 4 were due to Bronchitis, 7 to Pneumonia, 1 to Oedema of Lungs, 1 to Bronchiectasis, and 1 to Silicosis.

The death rate is 1.4 per 1,000.

Death Rates from Respiratory Diseases.

1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
1.1	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.7	1.2	1.9	1.7	1.4

Deaths from Cancer.—Malignant Diseases were responsible for 12 Deaths, which is equivalent to a Death Rate of 1.2 per 1000.

Deaths from Malignant Diseases.

1920	...	11	1930	...	11
1921	...	6	1931	...	11
1922	...	9	1932	...	15
1923	...	10	1933	...	11
1924	...	9	1934	...	11
1925	...	9	1935	...	7
1926	...	12	1936	...	13
1927	...	14	1937	...	19
1928	...	12	1938	...	12
1929	...	12			

Death Rates from Cancer.

1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
1.1	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.2

Details of Cancer Deaths.

Sex.	Age.	District.	Part affected.
F.	71	Garden Village	Stomach
M.	75	Stocksbridge	Rectum
M.	68	Stocksbridge	Rectum
M.	62	Hawthorn Brook	Sigmoid
M.	66	Stocksbridge	Prostate
F.	61	Common Piece	Breast
F.	80	Stocksbridge	Stomach
M.	39	Deepcar	Rectum
M.	69	Deepcar	Stomach
M.	71	Deepcar	Stomach
M.	57	Deepcar	Prostate
F.	66	Garden Village	Breast

Infectious Diseases. Notifications :—The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified :—Scarlet Fever 2, Diphtheria 1, Pneumonia 41, Puerperal Pyrexia 2, Ophthalmia Neonatorum 1, Erysipelas 6.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1938.

TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.

Disease.	Under 1 year.	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia	3	5	2	1	1	6	6	1	6	1	9	-	7
Erysipelas	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1

Isolation Hospital. 3 Patients were admitted; 2 suffering from Scarlet Fever, and 1 from Diphtheria. These cases were discharged before the end of the year.

Maternity and Child Welfare. An important addition has been made during the year in the institution of an Ante-Natal Clinic which is held at the Welfare Centre, Mozart House, on the 1st Friday in the month.

Welfare Centre. The number of attendances during the year 1938 was:—

Infants	2,705
School Children ...	2,604
Mothers	2,841
Ante Natal	66
Total ...	8,216

The number of individual cases seen by the Doctor was as follows:

Infants	915
School Children ...	279
Mothers	112
Ante Natal	57
Total ...	1,363

A new Ante Natal Clinic was established in November, 1938, with Dr. Joan Dunbar as the doctor in charge. It has supplied what was evidently a want, and the use that has been made of it is very encouraging.

The general work of the various Clinics was carried out with enthusiasm by the two nurses—Nurse Morris and Nurse Sill.

It has been my good fortune to act as a member of one of the Medical Boards for the examination of the new Militia. At every session I have been impressed by the good physical condition of the recruits, and I like to think that this is due in no small measure to the work done at the various Clinics, and to the education of the people generally in matters of health. This latter matter is a strong argument for the observance of Health Week and similar anniversaries.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:—

M.O.H.—WALTER MIDGLEY ROBERTSHAW, M.B., C.M.

Sanitary Inspector.—DOUGLAS E. ROBINSON, M.S.I.A.

SANITARY MATTERS, 1938.

TABLE C.

Nuisance Inspections.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1938 for Nuisances only ... 350
(For Housing Inspections see Table D).

Nuisances found in 1938	70
Nuisances in hand, end of 1937	19
Total needing abatement	89
Abated during 1938	74
Outstanding end of 1938	15

Notices served, Informal, 53. Complied with, 53.
Notices served, Statutory, 11. Complied with, 11.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings, None.

Tents, Vans, and Sheds—No. in District, 12; Total number of Inspections made, 20; General Conditions, Generally poor, one group of 6 has been declared a clearance area, and others are likely to be considered as individual unfit houses.

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? No.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1938. Broomfield Lane, Coal Pit Lane, and Low Lane to new houses.

Details of any portion of district still requiring—

(a) Sewering. Parts of New Road and Manchester Road.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers. None.

No. of houses not connected to sewers, 220 (approx.—including farms and Ewden Village with own sewage works).

Sewage Disposal Works.

Particulars of any extensions made during 1938. None.

Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works? Yes (Scheme of Extension approved by Minister of Health.)

Any complaint from West Riding Rivers Board? Yes.

Closet Accomodation.

No. of Privies with open middens / No. of Privies with covered middens	153
No. of Pail or Tub Closets	21
No. of Water Closets	2237
Waste-water Closets	6
No. of Privies re-constructed during 1938 —(*a*) as W.C.'s	16
(*b*) other ...	0
No. of Closets, other than Privies, reconstructed during 1938 as W.C.'s	0
No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1938—(*a*) W.C.'s	5
(*b*) other...	0
No. of Closets constructed in 1938 for new houses (*a*) W.C.'s	85
(*b*) other	0

Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies, waste water closets and pails to W.C. System. If so, what? Action under Sec. 47, P.H.A. 1936.

Scavenging.

Is public scavenging in operation throughout the whole district? Yes.

How is refuse disposed of? Tipping, 100%.

If tipping is in operation, is it on the controlled system? No. (Impracticable on present tips).

Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse, £1530.

Particulars of any extension or improvement in the service during the year.

Gradual conversion of ashpits to dustbins and consequent extension of weekly collection.

Water Supply.

Source of Supply. Langsett Reservoir.

By whom distributed? Sheffield Corporation.

No. of dwelling houses on public supply, 2352.

Any extension of supply during the year? To new property only.

Has supply been satisfactory? Yes.

(*a*) In quality, Yes. (*b*) In quantity, Yes.

No. of examinations made during the year—

(*a*) Chemical. By Sheffield Corporation.

(*b*) Bacteriological. By Sheffield Corporation.

Have any supplies been restricted or closed, if so, where? No.

Milk Supply.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922? Yes.

(*a*) For Retailers, Yes.

(*b*) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders, Yes.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register? No.

Milk (Special Designations) Orders 1936 and 1938.

No. of Licenses in force in area for:—

(*a*) Production of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk, 0.

(*b*) Production of "Accredited" Milk, 0.

(*c*) In respect of Pasteurising plants, 1.

No. of Milk samples taken by officers of local authority for analysis under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, None.

No. of samples of ordinary milk taken by officers of local authority for:—

(*a*) Methylene blue test, None.

(*b*) Presence of tuberculosis, None.

Any special examination of milk for dirt, *e.g.*, sedimentation test? No.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk during 1938? No.

No. of cowkeepers in district, 27. No. registered, 27.

Total No. of cowsheds, 40. Total No. of milk cows, 270.

Total No. of cowsheds inspected during the year, 40.

Total No. of cowshed inspections, 65.

No. of wholesale traders registered, 10.

No. of retail milk sellers registered, 19.

Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and methods of production and handling of milk.

The structural conditions are being gradually improved.

Meat Inspection.

Any public abbatoir in the district? No.

Total No. of private slaughterhouses, 6; made up of none registered and 6 licensed.

No. unsatisfactory either as regards structure, position or in other respects. None.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle (excluding cows.)	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	–	503	8	1174	851
Number inspected ...	–	503	8	1174	851
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned	–	–	–	–	–
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	–	12	–	1	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	–	2.86	–	.08	.352
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole Carcases condemned	–	–	–	–	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	–	33	–	–	44
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	–	6.56	–	–	5.17

Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

Meat Marking: Is scheme in force under above? No.

Other Foods.

No. of samples (other than milk) taken by officers of L.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, None.

No. of Bakehouses in district, 2. Total inspections, 3.

Are any of bakehouses underground, if so, how many? No.

Schools.

No. of Schools in District, 4. No. visited by M.O.H., 2.

Action taken, None. Schools closed by M.O.H., None.

General Sanitary Conditions. Satisfactory.

Smoke Abatement.

No. of smoke observations each of 30 minutes duration taken during 1938	This work is done by the Sheffield, Rotherham and District Smoke Abatement Committee.
No. of above showing excessive emission of black smoke ...	
No. of cautions issued	
No. of statutory notices issued ...	
No. of prosecutions	

Shops Act 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3).

No. of visits paid under the above Act during 1938, 6.

Unsatisfactory conditions found, 3. Remedied, 0.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

No. in District, 12.

Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase? No.

Have Council made bye-laws under Section 268 (4), Public Health Act, 1936? No.

Camping Sites.

No. of sites in area which were used for camping purposes during 1938. None.

No. of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the local authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936. None.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No. of Council houses found to be infested. None.

Other houses found to be infested, 1. No. disinfected, 1.

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from beg bugs? Spraying with Insecticide.

What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses? All belongings removed by van and treated with Liquid H.C.N.

Is the work of disinfestation carried out by the local authority or by a contractor? Contractor

What measures are taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation of houses after cleansing? Hitherto nothing done.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

Are there in the district:—

(*a*) Any public swimming baths or pools? One small children's pool.

(*b*) Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public? No.

Bye-Laws and Regulations in force in District.

Please give complete list of Byelaws and Regulations in force. and date of adoption in each case.

Prevention of Nuisances 1895. Common Lodging Houses 1895.

New Streets and Buildings 1936. Slaughter Houses 1895.

Infant Mortality.

Any suggestions? No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1938? Three of the 9 deaths were triplets.

Infectious and other Diseases.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1938. None.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? Smoke laden atmosphere.

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? (for areas autonomous under the M. & C. W. Act, 1918). Sent to Norton Hospital which is under the control of Jessop Hospital, Sheffield.

Isolation Hospitals.

GENERAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES:—

Address of Hospital. Allen Croft Isolation, Stocksbridge.

Any change or extension in 1938. No.

Any disease in addition to scarlet fever, enteric fever or diphtheria (*e.g.* pneumonia or non-notifiable disease) treated in infectious diseases hospital. No.

Name of authority controlling. Stocksbridge Urban District Council.

SMALLPOX:—

Address of Hospital. The above hospital in case of outbreak of smallpox is cleared of other cases, and used for smallpox.

General Hospitals and Institutions.

(*a*) General and Accident. Address: Sheffield Royal Infirmary.
Sheffield Royal Hospital.

Children's. Address: Sheffield's Children's Hospital.

(*b*) Local: Hospital, Cottage. None.

(*c*) Maternity (Homes). None.

Nursing Homes (Public Health Act, 1936, Section 187).

Are there, to your knowledge, any Nursing Homes in your district which may not be registered? No.

Ambulance Services.

For General Sick and Accident Cases.

Location of Ambulance: Sheffield.

Ownership: Sheffield Joint Hospitals Council.

Type of Ambulance: Motor.

Arrangements for Nurse to accompany patient. Nurse accompanies when necessary.

Charges (if any) to patients in district. No charge to rate-payers.

For General Infectious Disease Cases.

Location of Ambulance: Allen Croft Hospital.

Ownership: Stocksbridge Council.

Type of Ambulance: Horse Drawn.

Arrangements for Nurse to accompany patient. Nurse accompanies.

If ambulance of another Authority is used, please state terms and conditions. Sheffield Joint Hospitals Council ambulances do the work at the cost of £50 per annum.

Mortuaries. What accomodation—

(*a*) For accidents? Town Hall, Stocksbridge.

(*b*) For infectious cases other than at hospital? None.

(*c*) For other cases? Town Hall.

(*d*) For post mortem examinations? Town Hall.

Any suggestions by M.O.H.? Special accommodation is being arranged for in case of an Air Raid.

Bacteriology (County Laboratory.) Any suggestions? No.

Burning Spoil Banks.

Any nuisance therefrom? If so, please give particulars. None.

Sanitary Staff.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £100.

Name of Sanitary Inspector. Douglas E. Robinson.

Annual Salary as Inspector. £175.

Other appointments held. Surveyor.

Salary for such other appointments. £175.

Any Assistants? Clerk and pupil.

Is Staff sufficient? No: Housing and special work absorb much of the time.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

TABLE D.

1.—Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 11.

(*b*) Number of Inspections made for the purpose. 310 re-inspections for various reasons.

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932, 11.

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose, 14.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses needing further action, 11.

(*a*) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Under consideration by the Council.

(*b*) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. Nil.

2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices.

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. Nil.

3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936.—Nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.—Nil.

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) No. of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation. Nil.

(2) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. Nil.

(3) No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.

8 Voluntary following clearance.

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936. Nil.

4.—Unhealthy Areas.

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1938? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, and action taken relative thereto.

No. 6. Brick Row Clearance Area. 20 Houses. Population 71 persons.

No. 7. Townend Drive Clearance Area. 6 Houses. Population 19 persons.

22 Families from Clearance Areas have been re-housed in new houses.

5.—Number of new houses erected during 1938.

(*a*) By the Local Authority	30
(*b*) By private enterprise	51
Total ..	81

6.—Housing Conditions.

(1) Total number of houses in the District ...	2655
(2) No. of working-class houses included in the above	2633

(3) General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses.
Generally speaking the housing conditions in this district are good, but there are still cases of overcrowding; and there is still a shortage of houses.

(4) Any special activity in house building? If so, where?
General building of small houses for sale.

(5) Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, please give particulars.

Spink Hall Housing Estate. Work being proceeded with on 180 houses. 6 Type B/6; 26 Type B/4; 8 Type A/4; 100 Type A/3; 20 Type A/2: 20 Type A/1. Total cost £83,350.

(6) Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936?
No.

7.—Town Planning.

(1) Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee? If so, which?

No.

(2) Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for

(*a*) The whole of the District? No.

(*b*) Part of the District? No.

(3) Have Council during 1938 passed a Resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme? No.

8.—Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations.

Douglas E. Robinson, Town Hall, Stocksbridge.

9.—Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your District, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? If so, please state action taken. No.

10.—Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.

(*a*) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year, 107.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein, 125.

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein, 696½.

(*b*) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year, None.

(*c*) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year, 1.

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases, 7 (adults).

(*d*) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. None.

(*e*) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.

A sufficient number of houses has been included on the Spink Hall Estate to relieve Statutory overcrowding; until these are completed, no general measures for the relief of overcrowding can be taken.

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Medical Officer of Health.